for long distance telecommunications, radio and TV programme distribution and net-working and meteorology. Of these the only area where the satellite itself generates data is in meteorological applications, though a very High Resolution Rediometer (VHRR) which produces cloud imagery data. The VHRR data is received and processed by the India Meteorological Department at a specially set up facility viz. the Meteorological Data Utilisation Centre in New Delhi.

(b) The processed VHRR data has improved the quality of weather forecasts and increased their confidence level. Quicker availability of data enables weather forecasts, storm warnings and flood forecasts to be issued well in advance. Timely and accurate weather information has assisted agricultural operations and helped in reducing damage to life and property due to floods and cyclonic storms.

Appointment of I.A.S. officers against technical posts

*54. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is fact that IAS officers have been appointed for the technical posts in Doordarshan and in Tourism Department;

(b) whether Government have given special training to those IAS officers for the technical posts; and

(c) whether Government have any proposal to revise the policy of appointing the technical persons for the technical posts in lieu of the existing conditions ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) No technical posts in Doordarshan or the Department of Tourism which require technical qualifications have been filled by IAS officers. All technical posts under the Government are filled by persons possessing the requisite technical qualfications, strictly in terms of the recruitment rules prescribed for each post. The question of revising the policy in this regard does not therefore, arise.

I.A.S. officers on deputation to Central Government

*55. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of IAS officers on deputation to Central Government, State-wise;

(b) what is the tenure of service for Secretaries & Additional Secretaries to the Government of India;

(c) what are the names of IAS Officers who are continuing in Government of India beyond their normal tenure State-wise;

(d) whether Government propose to revert those officers who have completed their tenure; and

(e) what is the procedure of selection of officers for appointment to the Government of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Information relating to the State-wise number of IAS Officers on

deputation to Government of India as on 01-04-1986 is given below:—

State—Cadre	Number of officers
Andhra Pradesh	51
Assam-Meghalaya	37
Bihar	48
Gujarat	26
Haryana	23
Himachal Pradesh	15
Jammu and Kashmir	17
Karnataka	39
Kerala	24
Madhya Pradesh	63
Maharashtra	55
Manipur-Tripura	24
Nagaland	06
Orissa	33
Punjab	24
Rajasthan	28
Sikkim	02
Tamil Nadu	40
Union Territories	37
Uttar Pradesh	89
West Bengal	49
TOTAL :	730

(b) Tenure for Additional Secretaries :

(i) Officers appointed as Additional Secretary direct from the States/Cadres will have a tenure of 5 years.

(ii) In the case of Joint secretary promoted as Additional Secretary, the tenrure will end on the expiry of 5 years as Joint Secretary and Additional Secretary together, or 3 years as Additional Secretary, whichever is later.

(iii) Officers retiring within a period of 2 years, after completing the prescribed maximum period will not be reverted to their parent cadres.

The tenure rule is not applied to appointments at the level of Secretary to the Government of India.

(c) and (d) None of the IAS officers in posts at the level of Under Secretary to Additional Secretary is serving at the centre beyond his normal tenure.

(e) The senior administrative posts of and above the level of Under Secretary in the Government of India are filled on the basis of selection on merit from amongst various sources. According to the extant guidelines, names of three officers, from the offer list, are normally suggested for a post in any Department. These names are proposed giving due regard to the job requirements and academic qualifications and experience of the officers. From the panel of three names, an officer is selected by the Department and approval obtained of the competent authrority.

Appointment of Commissions of Inquiry

*56. SHRI M. KADHARSHA :
SHRI R. MOHANARANGAM :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of inquiry commissions appointed by Government during the last three years under the Commission of Inquiry Act;